

# Embu language

**Embu**, also known as **Kiembu**, is a Bantu language of Kenya. It is spoken by the Embu people, also known as the Aembu (sg. Muembu), and by the Mbeere people.

Embu also has two known dialects, Mbeere (Mbere, Kimbeere) and Embu proper.<sup>[1][4]</sup>

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<b>Embu</b>	
Kiembu	
<b>Native to</b>	Kenya, Tanzania
<b>Region</b>	Eastern Province, Embu District
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Embu, Mbeere
<b>Native speakers</b>	320,000 (2009 census) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Language family</b>	Niger–Congo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Atlantic–Congo</li> <li>▪ Volta–Congo</li> <li>▪ Benue–Congo</li> <li>▪ Bantoid</li> <li>▪ Southern Bantoid</li> <li>▪ Bantu</li> <li>▪ Northeast Bantu</li> <li>▪ Kikuyu–Kamba</li> <li>▪ South</li> <li>▪ Gikuyu–Embu</li> <li>▪ <b>Embu</b></li> </ul>
<b>Language codes</b>	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	ebu
<b>Glottolog</b>	<a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/embu1241">embu1241</a> ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/embu1241">http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/embu1241</a> ) <sup>[2]</sup>
<b>Guthrie code</b>	E.52 <sup>[3]</sup>

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